

Program C: Scholarships/Grants

Program Authorization: Paul Douglas Scholarships- P.L. 98-558, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership– P.L. 99-498; LA R.S. 17:3031, Rockefeller Scholarships – Act 707 of 1989 and LASFAC’s agreement with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; LAR.S. 56:797d, Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program – Act 547 of 1995; LA R.S. 17:3046, Tuition Payment Program for Medical School Students – Act 281 of 1997.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to administer state and federal scholarships, grant and tuition savings programs to maximize the opportunities for Louisiana students to pursue their postsecondary educational goals.

The goal of the Scholarship/Grants Program is to effectively and efficiently administer assigned programs in compliance with statutory authority and regulation.

The Scholarship/Grants Program includes the following activities:

1. Paul Douglas Scholarships - Federal funding for scholarship awards was rescinded for the 1995-96 fiscal year and has not been funded for subsequent years. However, under current federal guidance, the agency must assure that former recipients complete their obligation by teaching or repayment.
2. Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) - Provides need-based grants to academically qualified students. Each college and university establishes the annual award amount within the limits established by this agency. This federal program requires a state match and mandates that the non-federal share of the total amount of these grants shall come through direct state appropriations. The reauthorized Higher Education Act replaces the SSIG with the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program, which is essentially a continuation of the SSIG.
4. Rockefeller Scholarship Program - Annually provides 60 scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to Louisiana residents engaged in the study of wildlife, forestry, or marine science at Louisiana colleges and universities. Repayment of funds received is required if a student fails to successfully complete the prescribed course of study.
5. Louisiana Honors Scholarship Program - Provides tuition awards to Louisiana's high school graduates who rank in the top 5% of their graduating class and who attend a Louisiana public or approved private college or university, or state technical institute. Act 1375 of 1997 terminates this program effective academic year 1998-99, and replaces it with a component of TOPS.
6. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) - A college savings plan which awards a state grant as an incentive for families to save for the projected future costs of their children's postsecondary education.
7. Tuition Payment Program for Medical School Students – Provides full tuition and room and board for qualified students who agree to practice in a rural or poor community in Louisiana for not less than 2 consecutive years. Failure to fulfill work requirements results in the individual being required to repay funds received.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2001-2002. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

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1. (KEY) To increase START participation by 6.1%.

Strategic Link: *This objective is an incremental step toward accomplishing Strategic Objective I.4 in the Scholarship and Grant Program.*

Louisiana: *Vision 2020 Link:* Not applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: The START program is designed to assist parents and grand parents in preparing for the cost of providing their children and grandchildren a college education. This savings program was enacted to help make higher education affordable and accessible to all families.

Other Link(s): Not applicable

L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1999-2000	ACT 11 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002
K	Percentage increase in START participation	Not applicable	54.8%	28.6%	28.6%	6.1%	6.1%
S	Number of contributors ¹	7,898	3,025	10,155	10,155	5,300	5,300
S	Principal deposits	\$4,509,541	\$1,152,179 ²	\$5,797,981	\$5,797,981	\$6,150,000	\$6,150,000
S	Tuition Assistance Grants (TAGS) (estimates) for START Program	\$371,616	\$371,616	\$371,616	\$371,616	\$371,616	\$371,616

¹ The indicator is the net of cancelled accounts.

² The year-end reported to LaPAS for FY 1999-2000 was annual deposits. The indicator should have been cumulative deposits. The future performance indicator for principal deposits will report cumulative dollars deposited less disbursements made during the fiscal year.

GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS PROGRAM					
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1995-96	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1996-97	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00
Number of recipients					
SSIG/LEAP	3,483	2,611	2,800	2,357	2,537
T.H. Harris	1,891	1,311	736	448	135
Rockefeller	59	58	56	58	54
Tuition Assistance Plan	2,312	2,728	2,996	0	0 ²
Louisiana Honors	3,423	3,978	4,827	0	0 ³
Medical School Tuition	0	0	0	2	2 ²
Average amount awarded					
SSIG/LEAP	\$554	\$567	\$625	\$589	\$547
T.H. Harris	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Rockefeller	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$879
Tuition Assistance Plan	\$2,145	\$2,087	\$2,135	\$0	\$0 ²
Louisiana Honors	\$2,275	\$2,270	\$2,299	\$0	\$0 ³
Medical School Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,025	\$15,981
Total amount awarded					
SSIG/LEAP	\$1,929,424	\$1,480,437	\$1,750,816	\$1,388,342	\$1,388,343
T.H. Harris	\$681,690	\$501,215	\$305,175	\$161,000	\$54,000
Rockefeller	\$58,500	\$57,500	\$52,500	\$57,500	\$54,000
Tuition Assistance Plan	\$4,667,019	\$5,685,666	\$6,395,328	\$0	\$0 ²
Louisiana Honors	\$7,786,048	\$9,011,957	\$11,096,147	\$0	\$0 ³
Medical School Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,050	\$47,942

¹ The State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) was replaced by the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) program as part of the reauthorized Higher Education Act. The LEAP program is a continuation of SSIG.

² Replaced with TOPS Opportunity.

³ Replaced with TOPS Performance

2. (KEY) To identify qualified candidates and provide 100% of available funding to students pursuing scholarship, grant, and tuition savings programs administered by OSFA.

Strategic Link: *This objective ties to OSFA Strategic Plan Objective I.2 in the Scholarship and Grant Program.*

Louisiana: *Vision 2020 Link:* Not applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): Not applicable

Explanatory Note: The indicators presented below do not include figures for the TOPS program. The TOPS Program was broken out as a separate program in FY 2000-2001.

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K	Total amount awarded -scholarships and grants	Not applicable ¹	\$1,537,756	\$2,239,374	\$2,239,374	\$2,074,204	\$2,014,204 ²
K	Total number of recipients - scholarships and grants	Not applicable ¹	2,728	3,814	3,814	3,814	3,810 ²

¹ New indicators added for FY 2000-2001, therefore the indicator has no yearend standard for FY 1999-2000.

² Includes LEAP and Rockefeller programs only.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1999- 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$2,359,704	\$2,657,177	\$2,657,177	\$2,852,035	\$2,501,534	(\$155,643)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	87,456	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	48,471	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	453,751	979,517	979,517	979,517	979,517	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$2,949,382	\$3,696,694	\$3,696,694	\$3,891,552	\$3,541,051	(\$155,643)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$425,189	\$541,961	\$657,131	\$747,490	\$521,294	(\$135,837)
Other Compensation	24,466	450	450	11,265	11,265	10,815
Related Benefits	75,684	126,303	126,303	145,255	102,425	(23,878)
Total Operating Expenses	274,936	227,965	248,535	307,202	293,909	45,374
Professional Services	120,724	113,256	113,256	115,521	113,256	0
Total Other Charges	1,951,294	2,686,759	2,551,019	2,552,819	2,490,402	(60,617)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	77,089	0	0	12,000	8,500	8,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$2,949,382	\$3,696,694	\$3,696,694	\$3,891,552	\$3,541,051	(\$155,643)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	19	19	19	21	15	(4)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	19	19	21	15	(4)

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from award fees used to defray the costs related to processing scholarships and grants (FY 1996-1997 only). The first Statutory Dedication is the sixty (60) \$1,000 scholarships from the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund for students studying wildlife, forestry and marine sciences. (Per R.S. 39:32B. (8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal funds include the following: (1) the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) for needy, academically qualified students; and (2) the Paul Douglas scholarships to encourage individuals to pursue teaching careers.

			ACTUAL 1999 - 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
Rockefeller Trust Fund			\$48,471	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

TOTAL

GENERAL FUND			
\$2,657,177	\$3,696,694	19	ACT 11 FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$2,657,177	\$3,696,694	19	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 15, 2000
\$11,978	\$11,978	0	Annualization of FY 2000-2001 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$40,254	\$40,254	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2001-2002
\$2,715	\$2,715	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
(\$35,249)	(\$35,249)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$60,617)	(\$60,617)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$89,324	\$89,324	1	Workload Adjustment - Increased position for the increase in TOPS participation
(\$204,048)	(\$204,048)	(5)	Technical Adjustment - Transfer out of positions and funding to the Administration & Support Program
\$2,501,534	\$3,541,051	15	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$2,501,534	\$3,541,051	15	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$2,501,534	\$3,541,051	15	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 95.7% of the existing operating budget. It represents 95.6% of the total request (\$3,722,894) for this program. A workload adjustment was provided for the additional administrative costs directly related to increased TOPS participation. Five positions and funding are transferred out of this program into the Administration & Support Program by technical adjustment. The remaining adjustments are statewide adjustments.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$113,256 Advertising for Student Tuition Assistance & Revenue Trust Program (START)

\$113,256 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$50,000 Paul Douglas Scholarship Program - federally funded program to encourage individuals to pursue teaching careers
\$60,000 Medical School Tuition Payment Program - for medical students who agree to practice medicine in La. for 5 consecutive years
\$60,000 Rockefeller Scholarship Program - scholarships for La. Residents engaged in the study of wildlife, forestry and marine science
\$371,616 START Tuition Assistance Grants (TAGS) - payments allocated to START accounts
\$1,901,744 Leverage Education Assistance Partners (LEAP) - need based grants to academically qualified students

\$2,443,360 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$27,955 Rent in State Owned Buildings
\$19,087 LETA Services - miscellaneous financial aid programs

\$47,042 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$2,490,402 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$8,500 3 Personal computers and workstations

\$8,500 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS